



# Flies and Lies

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### MONTHLY MEETINGS

at Miraflores Park  
17th Avenue  
between  
Belmont and LaRua

Business Meeting  
1ST Tuesday, 7 PM

Bull Session - Tying  
2ND Thursday, 6:30  
PM

Clinic -Casting, Tying,  
Lunch  
3RD Saturday, 9 AM

**NEWS FLASH!!** This Just In! Exclusive from the Yellowknifer News:



## Korose Conquers Canada

**Details follow!** And, yes the Yellowknifer is the newspaper in Yellow Knife

**Club Meeting:** Tuesday, Aug 6 7:00. Tarpon Bob Korose, fresh from his conquest of Canada, will report on his fishing trip to Argentina. And, yes, Bob does get around.

**Fly Tying Bull Session:** Thursday, Aug 8 6:30. We will be tying the **Half Bugger**. Will yours be half full or half empty?



**Clinic:** Saturday, Aug 17 Casting and Tying in the summertime. Don't let the heat bother you. Pretend you are in Canada. Or Poland. Lunch will be Jay's Polish Stew.



## Pictures from Youth Introduction to Fly Fishing

Presented by our club along with Pensacola Parks and Recreation in June.



No video games or phones in sight

## From the Yellow Knife **Yellowknifer** July 12, 2019

Bob Korose of Gulf Breeze, Fla. and guide Chris Brito, with a 44-inch northern pike caught late in the day Sunday to wrap up the 26th Annual Pike Fly Fishing Derby at Trout Rock Lodge last weekend. Korose caught two trophy-class pike in the last three hours of the derby to claim the top prize as this year's derby champion.



Derby champ Bob Korose of Gulf Breeze, Fla., left, holds aloft Trout Rock Lodge's version of the Stanley Cup -- a special wood and moose antlered trophy -- handed out to the winner of the Annual Pike Fly Fishing Derby. With him are his fishing partner victor "Ted" Tedesco of New Orleans, La., and guide Chris Brito giving the thumbs up. Aside from bragging rights and



*We should have them do a clinic lunch*

some nice fishing related prizes, winners get their names engraved on the trophy. This is the 26th year the contest has taken place.

*A link to the entire article will be attached to the email along with this newsletter.*

**Congratulations Pike Bob!!**

**VP's Corner** — Thank you Steve Hofmann for your excellent, mechanical engineer's perspective on modern rod / reel design and construction. I enjoyed seeing the pictures you took on the inside of the respective factories which showed how the materials are fashioned into our modern fishing gear. A great presentation. BTW - there will be a test, so I hope y'all took good notes!

On deck for the August program is Tarpon Bob (aka PIKE Bob) Korose. Earlier this year Bob traveled to Argentina for a bit of fishing and he has a few stories to tell. I've been told that most are true and that very little Photoshop work was required for the photos. Should be another great presentation from Bob. See the listing below for the remainder of this year's programs. Tight lines!

*Jim White*

Sep – Jim White presents "Trout fishing on the Yellowstone River"

Oct – Matt Wegener presents "Hunting Bull Reds in Pensacola"

Nov – Dr. Jonas Magnuson presents "Fishing in Iceland"

Dec – Oleta Webb presents "Fishing in Montana"



## Project Healing Waters Trip, June 27, 2019

We met at Shoreline Park in Gulf Breeze at 8 AM. There were four boats and nine anglers. Capt. Dan Story had Aaron Davis, his son and Brian Freeman on his boat. Capt. Baz Yelverton had Don Smith and Cliff Newton on his boat. In addition, Jim White and Bob Korose brought their boats. Jim took Jerry Giles and Bob took Jay Brykczynski.



It turns out that the False Albacore were busting small baitfish in the Gulf within 4 miles of the beach. The weather was



just perfect, light winds and clear skies. We found the fish right where they were predicted to be. Baz got us into position and Cliff makes a cast into the mass of feeding fish and pulled a Spanish Mackerel out of the mass of FAs. From then on it was all FAs. Each fish took us into the backing on the first run. Each fight was awesome and the fish were just beautiful. All in all a very successful day.





**July Clinic** - The rains washed out the casting but NOTHING could stop Dave and Sharon Handley from cooking up a delicious chicken dish. While waiting for lunch we tied up some good looking ladies (with green eyes).



And, once again, no beer on the table. This is serious stuff.

## Fishing (Possibility) Report

Cyndi Myers reports that the ponds at Whiting Field are open. Come to the meeting for reports.





## Fly of the Month *Half Bugger...tied by Matt Wegener*

This fly is a spin on the classic Woolly Bugger, sporting hackle only on the front half the hook shank; hence the name "Half Bugger". I believe it was originally tied by Gretchen and Al Beatty for western trout fishing applications, but it has been a great warmwater fly for me. On a recent trip to Illinois, I landed



crappie, bluegill and largemouth bass on this fly in a 30-minute period. The bead head gets it down quick and can be fished on a floating line with short strips; but my favorite method is to fish it on a "popper/dropper" rig. As you can see in the picture, you simply tie a short leader off a floating fly, like a cork popper, and then tie the dropper fly off the end of the short leader. The popping sound attracts fish to the area and then they can't resist the dropper fly dangling below all of the commotion.

### Materials:

**Hook:** Scud hook, size 14-18

**Bead:** 1/8" gold bead, tungsten or brass

**Thread:** 8/0 black

**Tail:** Marabou from the base of hackle feather

**Body:** Peacock herl

**Rib:** Fine gold wire

**Hackle:** Black saddle hackle

### Instructions:

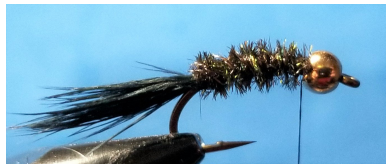
1. Mash barb and slide bead on the hook shank. Tie thread on with a jam knot and secure bead near hook eye. Strip a small clump of marabou from the base of a saddle hackle feather and tie on the rear of the hook to create the tail.



2. Tie in two peacock herls and a length of gold wire the same length of the herl.



3. Twist the herls with the wire. The wire strengthens body of the fly.



4. Wrap the body material forward to the awaiting bobbin and tie off just behind the bead.



5. Tie in the hackle near the middle of the hook shank



6. Move the thread to behind the bead head and make 4 to 5 wraps with the hackle and finish with a whip finish knot.



## Fishing with Capt. Baz

July started off with a **BANG**, and I'm not talking about the usual 4th of July fireworks. This year it was the unexpected explosion of thousands of false albacore feeding a few miles offshore east of Pensacola Pass. The timing was perfect for our first PHW summer trip on June 27! Capt Dan went "scouting" the day before and found the fish 6 miles SE of the pass, but on the day of the trip they were less than a mile from the sea buoys. We quickly put our guys right in the thick of it, and the fun



began. Check out the *target rich environment* that greeted us.

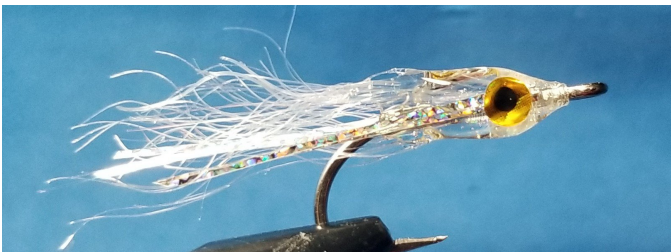
Of course with false albacore it's rarely as easy as it looks, and Jim White, Bob Korose, and the other anglers out that day will attest to how finicky the FA were. The water was clear, and the



fish were eating the dreaded "snot bait". Capt Dan and I dropped down to 12# tippet and all of our snot bait imitations, but it was still tough getting the fish to eat. We finally had success on our boat getting some takes using a fast 4-5' strip. The next problem was stopping the fish without getting spooled or breaking the light tippet. After both Don Smith



and Cliff Newton landed a couple fish Cliff asked if he could try Matt Wegener's "slinky anchovy" since he had tied some the previous month. Wow! What a surprise! The FA **loved** it. I've been at this game for a while and have never seen a fly work so well against the snot bait naturals. Cliff was getting hit



every cast and landed several fish until losing both his flies. Congratulations to Matt! That fly is a big time winner, and he should patent it.

Fast forward three weeks to July 19 and the next PHW trip. Once again the harder working of the two guides (that would not be me) while scouting the day before found huge schools of FA, ladyfish, and Spanish mackerel five miles east of the pass and right up on the second sandbar. Thank you, Capt Richard! I doubt I would've gone that far without knowledge of the fish being there. For one thing I have never seen FA inside the outer bar in July. Never! But there they were, and this time they were eating full grown bay anchovies. All those technical snot bait imitations were useless. They were eager to eat #6 clear gummy minnows or Cowen's Albie Anchovies. At Capt Dan's suggestion I tied on a #6 tan Crazy Charlie, and the fish killed it. They still wanted the long fast strip, but it was WAY easier than the previous trip. Larry Sisney and Jerry Giles both spent lots of time in their backing until we all wore out just about the time a big thunderstorm moved in our direction and we called it a day. Pretty cool having such amazing success on back-to-back PHW trips...







Other than false albacore I've been targeting redfish this month. There are plenty of both slot and larger redfish along the edge of the Gulf, but you have to either catch the conditions perfect or walk the beach. Baitfish patterns will sometimes work, and even poppers can get them going when all else fails. On July 8 Sam Lewis got this nice redfish to eat a tan/white clouser minnow he tied using bucktail for the white and yak hair for the tan. Worked great for this fish which was feeding under a ball of bay anchovies. The fish hammered it without hesitation, and then we

couldn't get another take for at least an hour. After trying a dozen additional offerings we decided to declare victory and leave. You have to admit it was a beautiful fish...sea lice and all. Pretty nice setting, too.



Finally here's an action scene of me pointing out a redfish in Santa Rosa Sound for young Jake Fanale on July 16. Jake's an excellent fly-caster, but at just 16 he's a little height challenged. The slightly off-color water made for tough sight fishing that day, so I was pointing out the targets. We didn't get the one I was pointing out in the photo, but Jake got a beauty a little earlier less than 5' from shore. That, my friends, is the whole enchilada. *Capt Baz*

## Annual Fly Fishing Federation Expo – Bozeman, Montana

One of our members, Hugh “Unk” Smith, of Navarre was one of the master fly tiers featured at the conclave. Another of our members, Oleta Webb, was there to record it for us. Congratulations, Unk. Thanks, Oleta.





## **The Changing of the Guard – A note from Russ**

### **Dear Healing Waters Friends and Accomplices,**

For almost ten years I have had the very real pleasure of leading and working with all of you. It has been one of the most rewarding ventures of my life: Fun, entertaining, educational and in many ways inspirational. I believe that I have made friends for life and I am grateful.

I am sure most of you know that this year, I have been looking toward winding down my leadership of our PHWFF Program. When Jim White came aboard and immediately stepped up to help out in any way he could, I knew that I had found a kindred spirit who could take over the leadership of our program. About a year and a half ago, I asked Jim to become my official Assistant Program Lead with the idea that he would assume “command” and take over the Program Lead functions as we enter a new decade. He will become your Program Leader on January 1, 2020.

Nationwide, PHWFF is making many changes in the way each program is managed and how funding is secured so that each program can perform at an optimal level. Jim has had an opportunity to work with these changes and is up to speed with them. We have had several lengthy discussions about how to best utilize our Volunteers and assist our Participants as we go forward. He has some great ideas to increase effective participation, so in the near future he will be contacting some of you and when he does, I know that he can count on your help. We can be proud of the fact that we have the absolute BEST PHWFF Program in the state. It will only grow and get better as we go forward.

I thank you for all your support and assistance over the years, as we have grown from two participants and four or five volunteers to where we are today. It would not have happened without your help. I plan to stick around and help in any way I can, as Jim and his team take over.

***Cheers, Russ***

*(Editor's note: It would be hard to imagine where our club would be today without the energy generated by our involvement with Project Healing Waters – but there can doubt that the effort that Russ put forth himself all through these years is what made this venture a success!!)*

## **July Minutes**

The board meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. The Treasurer Report was presented by Jay Brykczynski. The club's cash position is good along with the funds being held for our Project Healing Waters. It was noted that the amount being held for Project Healing Waters will be utilized before the end of the year. A proposal was made by Russ Shields that the report be accepted, that was seconded by Danny Brechin. A vote was taken with all positive.

The minutes for the 4 June 2019 BOD & Committees meeting were placed for discussions and/or corrections/additions. A proposal was made by Russ Shields that the report be accepted, that was seconded by Danny Brechin. A vote was taken with all positive. With no other business Bob Myers proposal to adjournment, seconded by Russ Shields. A vote was taken with all positive, adjourned at 6:45 PM.

The general meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Two visitors were recognized. The presentation was by Steve Hofmann on graphite fly rod manufacturing. After the presentation the Treasurer's report and June minutes were delivered.

Fishing reports were given. Several members commented on the recent Project Healing Waters trip that found a school of False Albacore. The Drawing was made for a selection of Flies. A motion was made adjournment. The members left at 8:45 PM